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There are approximately 170 workers mining fluorite at Shengshuich'ih (聖水池), a few kilometers northeast of Tashihchiaio (122-30,40-38). The fluorite is being shipped to North Korea. A Soviet engineer, who had been supervising the mine, left in February 1948 and had not returned by the end of April 1948. One company of guard troops of the Service of Supply Branch of the Northeast People's Liberation Army (NEPLA) guard the mine.

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The Service of Supply Branch of the NEPLA is operating several mines in the Haicheng (122-41,40-51) area. About 420 miners are working in a soapstone quarry at Taling (122-32,40-40) under the supervision of a Japanese engineer. Sixty miners are working in a soapstone quarry at Yangchiat'ai (楊家台), six kilometers from Taling; and 140 miners are employed in a soapstone quarry at Hsimucheng (122-53,40-42).

There are approximately 180 miners working in a mica quarry at Hsiaot'aikou (小谷口), northeast of Haicheng. There are 60 miners employed in a mica quarry at Chikuts'un (吉谷村), northeast of Hataling (123-53,40-22).

Coal mines in the Chalainperh (117-44,49-26) area have been operating under the direction of Soviet authorities since 1945.

Soviets are exploiting a gold mine in the Chian (126-10,41-07) area.

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